

REMARKS

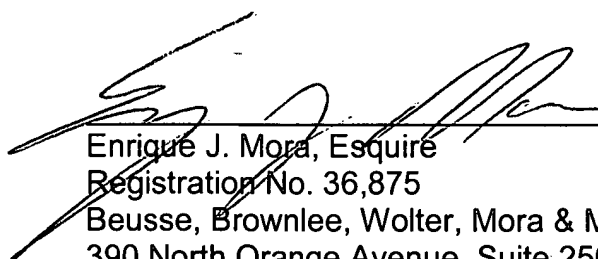
Claims 4-8, 10, 12-14 and 18-20 have been objected to but indicated to include allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 11, and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 2-10, 12-16 and 18-22 remain active in this application. Reconsideration of the objections is hereby solicited in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant has essentially rewritten each of the claims already determined by the Examiner to be allowable in independent form to include all of the structural and/or operational relationships of the respective base claim and any intervening claims.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims pending in this application recites patentable subject matter and it is further submitted that such claims comply with all statutory requirements and thus each of such claims should be allowed.

The applicant appreciates the Examiner's efforts for conducting a thorough examination, and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney if there are any outstanding items that may be resolved via telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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